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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7925

INFO USMISSION USUN NY IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1924

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, DM

SUBJ: DAMAGE TO UNMISSION OF BENIN

REF A. COTONOU 1921 B. USUN 6836

1. AT COTONOU AIRPORT THIS AFTERNOON DEC 16 EMBOFF FELL INTO CONVERSATION WITH A YOUNG BENINESE (NAME UNKNOWN) WHO CLAIMED HE HAS JUST ARRIVED ON PANAM FLIGHT FROM 28-MONTH TOUR WITH PRB UN MISSIION IN NEW YORK. HE SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT TO PRB GOVT ON STONING OF THAT MISSION ON DEC 14. ACCORDING TO HIS STORY SEVERAL WINDOWS WERE BROKEN AND THREE LARGE STONES WERE FOUND IN THIRD-FLOOR OFFICES. HE DESCRIBED INCIDENT AS "RACIST". WHEN EMBOFF ASKED SYMPATHETICALLY FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, THE YOUNG BENINOIS ASSERTED THAT "THE JEWS" WERE TAKING REPRISALS AGAINST THE MISSION BECAUSE OF "ITS COURAGEOUS STAND IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL." HE DECLARED PRB DEL, AS SPOKESMAN OF BROTHER AFRICAN STATES, HAD TAKEN A POSITION IT BELIEVED IN AND NOW HAD TO SUFFER CONSEQUENCES AT HANDS OF "RACIST AMERICANS". HE WAS IN A VERY EMOTIONAL STATE.

2. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT MAY BE ROUTINE FOR NEW YORK BUT IT  
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COULD BE MADE EXPLOSIVE HERE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE KEREKOU

REGIME HAS NEVER BEFORE HAD ANYTHING LIKE A CREDIBLE EXCUSE  
FOR BEING NASTY TO US, THOUGH IT HAS BEEN UNFRIENDLY TO THE US  
FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF AND HAS ACTIVELY ATTACKED US  
AT THE UN AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA. RABID EXTREMISTS,  
WHO NOW HAVE THE DOMINANT INFLUENCE HERE, ARE LOOK-  
ING FOR PRETEXTS TO FLOG US. END COMMENT.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, IT WILL TOMORROW  
MORNING REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR DCM WITH FORNMINISTRY DIRGEN  
TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT AND EXPRESS REGRETS.  
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